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Aging

NOLA: MLNH 010235
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:05

New Book Illustrates Life Lessons From an Older Generation: Karl Pillemer's new book "30 Lessons for Living: Tried and True Advice from the Wisest Americans" navigates the trials of life and aging in the words of those who've experienced them the longest. In a conversation with Hari Sreenivasan, Pillemer discusses what he gleaned in interviews with elderly Americans.

Agriculture

NOLA: PNRE 001523
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/4/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

HEAL Africa: "If we can bring in some light, the darkness will not overcome the light, and that's where faith is. We believe that," says Lyn Lusi, who has spent her professional life in medical care for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Farmworker Justice: "When we say grace we are grateful for the food on our plates. But where did that food travel? Who picked it? How did it get to us? As people of faith we are called to think about that."

NOLA: MLNH 010273
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:46

Ethiopia: A Battle for Land and Water: A controversial resettlement program in Ethiopia is the latest battleground in the global race to secure prized farmland and water. Correspondent Cassandra Herrman reports as part of the Food for 9 Billion series, a NewsHour partnership with the Center for Investigative Reporting, Homelands Productions and Marketplace.

NOLA: MLNH 010280
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/8/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:48

Oregon Farmers Surprised to Find Fish in Fields: Researchers in Oregon's Willamette Valley found young native fish thriving in ditches that fill with water during the winter months. The unrecognized habitat meant farmers had been inadvertently raising fish in their fields, in addition to their intended crops, for years. This report first appeared on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

NOLA: MLNH 010285
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/15/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:41

News Wrap: Pro-Assad Rally Marks Anniversary of Syria's Uprising: In other news Thursday, large crowds rallied in Syria's capital on the first anniversary of the country's uprising in a show of support for President Assad's government. Also, the U.S. Agriculture Department will let schools opt out of using a ground beef filler dubbed "pink slime" by its critics.

American History/Biography

NOLA: BKID 000000
Series Title: Billy the Kid: American Experience
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/10/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

On April 28, 1881, 21-year-old Henry McCarty, alias Billy the Kid, just days from being hanged for murder, outfoxed his jailors and electrified the nation with the latest in a long line of daring escapes. Just a few weeks later, the notorious young outlaw was gunned down by an ambitious sheriff. Demonized by the lawman who killed him, the Kid was soon mythologized by a never-ending stream of dime-store romances and later, big-screen dramas. But in all the narratives, Billy the Kid's real story has been obscured. Born to impoverished Irish immigrants, the Kid led a hardscrabble, itinerant life that became harder still when his mother died of tuberculosis. He came of age in a lawless corner of New Mexico, where an Irish immigrant ring held a vise-like grip on all money-making endeavors and the Mexican population was frequently cheated out of their property without recourse to the courts. Caught in the middle of a many-centuries-old Irish-English conflict playing out on the plains of the Southwest, the Kid captured national attention with his reckless violence. His fascination with Mexican culture, his flair for Spanish and his disdain for the Anglo authorities made him a hero of sorts to the Hispanic community, who hid him when the law came looking and mourned him when he was gone.

NOLA: JEJA 000000
Series Title: Jesse James: American Experience
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/31/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:48:57

The story of Jesse James is one of America's most familiar myths--and one of its most wrong-headed. James, so the legend goes, was a Western outlaw, but in reality, he never went west. He has been called America's own Robin Hood, yet he robbed both rich and poor, and was never seen to share his ill-gotten gains. He was known as a gunfighter--but his victims were almost always unarmed. Less heroic than brutal, James was a member of a vicious band of Missouri guerrillas during the Civil War and sought vengeance for the Confederate defeat afterwards. In a life steeped in prolific violence and bloodshed, he met what was perhaps the most fitting end. This is the true story of an outlaw who has captured the imagination of generations of Americans.

NOLA: CLAE 000102
Series Title: Clinton: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/21/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

From draft dodging to the Dayton Accords, from Monica Lewinsky to a balanced budget, the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton veered between sordid scandal and grand achievement. In CLINTON, the latest installment in the critically acclaimed and successful series of presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE explores the fascinating story of an American president who rose from a broken childhood in Arkansas to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history and one of the most complex and conflicted characters to ever stride across the public stage. It recounts a career full of accomplishment and rife with scandal, a marriage that would make history and create controversy and a presidency that would define the crucial and transformative period between the fall of the Berlin Wall and 9/11. It follows Clinton across his two terms as he confronted some of the key forces that would shape the future, including partisan political warfare and domestic and international terrorism, and struggled, with uneven success, to define the role of American power in a post-Cold War world. Most memorably, it explores how Clinton's conflicted character made history, even as it enraged his enemies and confounded his friends. The program features unprecedented access to scores of Clinton insiders, including White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers, White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, as well as interviews with foreign leaders, members of the Republican opposition, childhood friends, staffers from Clinton's years as governor of Arkansas, biographers and journalists.

NOLA: CLST 000000
Series Title: Custer's Last Stand: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/17/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 01:51:10

On June 26, 1876, near the Little Bighorn River in Montana Territory, General George Armstrong Custer ordered his soldiers to drive back a large army of Lakota and Cheyenne warriors. The battle pitted two larger-than-life antagonists against one another: Sitting Bull, the charismatic and politically savvy leader of the Plains Indians, and Custer, one of the Union's greatest cavalry officers and a man with a reputation for fearless and often reckless courage. By day's end, Custer and nearly a third of his army were dead. This biography of one of the most charismatic and contradictory American leaders of the 19th century takes viewers on a journey from Custer's memorable charge at Gettysburg, which turned the tide of the battle, to his lonely, untimely death on the windswept plains of the West. Along the way, viewers learn how, time and time again, the supremely ambitious son of a blacksmith ricocheted from triumph to disaster, from battlefield heroism to impetuous escapade. In the end, Custer's reputation was saved by the wife he adored, who almost single-handedly turned the Battle of the Little Bighorn into one of the most iconic events in American history and mythologized Custer's role, turning it into a tale of heroic sacrifice against all costs in the service of a country with only the most noble of motives.

Arts

NOLA: AMMS 002501
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 1/23/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Explore the iconic 1960s folk-protest music hero's troubled life through his songs and interviews with Joan Baez, Sean Penn, Pete Seeger, Tom Hayden and others. Inspired by both Woody Guthrie and Elvis Presley, Phil Ochs was one of the most politically active singer-songwriter's of his generation and his music is as relevant today as it was then - "I Ain't Marching Anymore," "Power and the Glory," "The War Is Over," and "There But for Fortune." Unyielding in his political principals and unbending in his artistic vision, Ochs tirelessly fought for peace and justice throughout his short life, which ended in suicide at the age of 35.

NOLA: OSCH 000000
Series Title: Oscar Hammerstein II - Out of My Dreams
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/10/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Hosted by Matthew Morrison ("Glee"), OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II-OUT OF MY DREAMS is a celebration of the most acclaimed lyricist and librettist of the 20th century. His legendary works include Show Boat (1927), Oklahoma! (1943), Carousel (1945), South Pacific (1949), The King and I (1951) and The Sound of Music (1959). Brimming with movie clips from his greatest musicals, this new PBS special features interviews with Stephen Sondheim, Harold Prince, Shirley Jones, Mitzi Gaynor, Hammerstein family members and others. Morrison, who played Lieutenant Cable in the Tony Award-winning 2008 revival of South Pacific at Lincoln Center, adds the perspective of a new generation of Broadway fans.

NOLA: BBYV 000000
Series Title: Big Band Vocalists
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 3/3/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This special looks back at the "crooners" and "canaries" of the 1940s, featuring the greatest vocalists of the period when they started their careers performing with orchestras and dance bands. Among the legendary artists and timeless hits included in the rare, vintage footage are Louis Armstrong, Perry Como, Doris Day, Helen Forest with the Harry James Orchestra, Peggy Lee with the Benny Goodman Orchestra, Johnny Mercer and Margaret Whiting, Jo Stafford and the Pied Pipers with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, and many more favorites from the World War II era. Nick Clooney and Peter Marshall host.

NOLA: AMMS 002502
Series Title: American Masters
Episode Title: Cab Calloway: Sketches
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/27/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

"Minnie the Moocher," with its popular refrain "Hi de hi de hi de ho," was Cab Calloway's signature song, and Harlem's famous Cotton Club was his home stage. A singer, dancer and band leader, he was an exceptional figure in the history of jazz: a consummate musician, he charmed audiences around the world with boundless energy, bravado and elegant showmanship. His back glide dance step is the precursor to Michael Jackson's moonwalk, and his scatting lyrics find their legacy in today's hip-hop and rap. An ambassador for his race, Calloway was one of the first black musicians to tour the segregationist South, as early as 1932. At the top of his game in the jazz and swing eras of the 30s and 40s, he toured as Sportin' Life in Porgy and Bess, forever putting his personal stamp on "It Ain't Necessarily So." His career flagged until he was rediscovered in 1980's The Blues Brothers and even on SESAME STREET, becoming a new cult hero of sorts.

Business/Industry

NOLA: INLE 001311
Series Title: Independent Lens | Have You Heard from Johannesburg?
Episode Title: The Bottom Line
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/26/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The most effective tactic in globalizing the fight against apartheid was the grassroots boycott and divestment campaign that targeted Western corporations doing business with the South African regime.

NOLA: MLNH 010266
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:19

Are Chinese Business Partnerships a Good Deal for U.S. Companies? A joint venture called Oriental DreamWorks launched Friday as Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping wrapped up a U.S. tour. Jeffrey Brown discusses the benefits and drawbacks of U.S.-China business partnerships with the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations' Stephen Orlins and University of California, Irvine's Peter Navarro.

NOLA: MLNH 010273
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:08

Supreme Court Weighs Corporate Liability in Human Rights Cases: The Supreme Court heard arguments Tuesday, weighing whether victims of abuses overseas should have the right to use U.S. courts to prove companies should pay for alleged involvement in human rights atrocities. Gwen Ifill and The National Law Journal's Marcia Coyle discuss the potential liability implications for corporations.

NOLA: MLNH 010285
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/15/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:30

After Goldman Sachs Resignation, Assessing Wall Street's 'Moral Fiber': Wall Street was abuzz after Wednesday's very public resignation by a Goldman Sachs executive -- a New York Times op-ed piece taking issue with its business practices. Judy Woodruff discusses recent criticism of Wall Street culture with Georgetown University's James Angel and the University of Maryland's Michael Greenberger.

Community Politics, Government

NOLA: WWIR 005137
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/9/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Mitt Romney won big on Super Tuesday, giving him more than 35% of the delegates needed to clinch the nomination. But Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich, and Ron Paul stay defiant, continuing their campaigns as the race focuses on Mississippi and Alabama next Tuesday. What's next? Joining Gwen: Jeff Zeleny, New York Times; Beth Reinhard, National Journal; Doyle McManus, Los Angeles Times.

Consumerism

NOLA: MSNG 000000
Series Title: Spend Well, Live Rich with Michelle Singletary
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2012 1:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Syndicated Washington Post columnist Michelle Singletary is in a unique position to offer advice to PBS viewers about how to gain control of their financial life. In addition to her sterling credentials, she relies on the knowledge learned from the best financial planner she ever met: her grandmother, Big Mama. In a compelling personal narrative, Singletary draws on Big Mama's wit and wisdom. She explains how her grandmother raised Michelle and her four brothers and sisters on a salary that never exceeded \$13,000 a year. Big Mama made every penny count. She owned a home, a car, lived comfortably in retirement and knew that it's not how much you make, but how you make do with what you have. Singletary presents her "Seven Money Mantras," which synthesize what she learned from Big Mama with her own financial expertise.

Crime/Legal Issues/Law Enforcement

NOLA: PNRE 001520
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/14/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

News Roundup: GOP Primaries, Supreme Court Ruling: "South Carolina is really shaping up as a make or break last stand for social conservatives," says David Gibson of Religion News Service. Mass Incarceration: "Many of the old forms of discrimination that we supposedly left behind in the Jim Crow era are suddenly legal again once you've been branded a felon," says Michelle Alexander, author of The New Jim Crow. Fantasy Coffins in Ghana: "When somebody dies in Christ, or dies a Christian, it's a good thing because he's going to God. He has died on a good path," says Nii Adei Klu.

NOLA: FRON 003006
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: The Interrupters
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Interrupters presents unforgettable profiles in courage, as three former street criminals in Chicago place themselves in the line of fire to protect their communities. The two-hour film follows the lives of these "Violence Interrupters," who include the charismatic daughter of one of the city's most notorious former gang leaders, the son of a murdered father, and a man haunted by a killing he committed as a teenager. As they intervene in disputes to prevent violence, they reveal their own inspired journeys of struggle and redemption. From acclaimed director Steve James (Hoop Dreams) and bestselling author Alex Kotlowitz (There Are No Children Here), The Interrupters chronicles an unusually intimate, year-long journey across the stubbornly violent landscape of our cities through the eyes of those fighting to sow peace and security.

NOLA: MLNH 010273
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:30

News Wrap: Death Toll Rises to 3 in Ohio High School Shooting: In other news Tuesday, two more students died after Monday's shooting at a suburban Cleveland school. The alleged shooter had his first appearance in juvenile court, and prosecutors said he apparently chose the victims at random. In Pakistan, gunmen in military uniforms stopped a convoy of buses and killed 16 Shiite passengers.

NOLA: MLNH 010278
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/6/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:18

News Wrap: Obama Tackles Iran, Campaign Issues in Super Tuesday News Conference: In other news Tuesday, President Obama called out his GOP opponents in a White House news conference and attacked their views on foreign policy. Hours before he spoke, Iran agreed to let U.N. nuclear inspectors visit a military site. Also, eight women are suing the U.S. military, alleging that they were assaulted while serving.

Culture

NOLA: CPEH 000000
Series Title: Cave People of the Himalaya
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/15/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Everest climber and thrill seeker Pete Athans returns to the Himalayas with Dr. Mark Aldenderfer in search of the caves and mummies of a lost civilization. There they risk their own safety to reveal astonishing evidence of a previously unknown 1,500-year-old death ritual high in the Himalayan caves.

NOLA: MFAS 000202
Series Title: Michael Feinstein's American Songbook
Episode Title: Lost and Found
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/10/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:19

"Lost and Found" reveals Feinstein's discovery of an undocumented, unknown song by one of the giants of American popular music and follows his quest to verify its authenticity. Along the way, he persuades another musical legend, Broadway composer and lyricist Jerry Herman, to teach him an unpublished, unrecorded song from his songwriting "trunk" that's never been heard prior to this broadcast. Between live performances in Dallas, Texas, Palm Desert, California, and Clinton, Connecticut, Feinstein's journey takes him to New York, Los Angeles and Madison, Wisconsin. Tony Award-winner Christine Ebersole makes a guest appearance.

NOLA: AMIS 000000
Series Title: Amish: American Experience; The
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

THE AMISH answers many questions Americans have about this insistently insular religious community, whose intense faith and adherence to 500-year-old traditions have by turns captivated and repelled, awed and irritated, inspired and confused for more than a century. With unprecedented access, built on patience and hard-won trust, the film is the first to penetrate deeply and explore this attention-averse group. In doing so, THE AMISH paints an intimate portrait of contemporary Amish faith and life. It questions why and how the Amish, an insistently closed and communal culture, have thrived within one of the most open, individualistic societies on earth; explores how, despite their ingrained submissiveness, the Amish have successfully asserted themselves in resisting the encroachments of modern society and government; asks what Americans' attraction to the Amish says about deep American values; and looks at what the future holds for a community whose existence is so rooted in the past.

NOLA: MFAS 000203
Series Title: Michael Feinstein's American Songbook
Episode Title: Saloon Singers
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:58

This episode examines the allure of musical nightlife, from Mississippi juke joints, where Feinstein dazzles the crowd with some impromptu boogie-woogie blues, to the neon of Las Vegas, where he has a private tour of the now-closed Liberace Museum – and gets to play one of the rhinestone encrusted pianos. While keeping up his own busy schedule of live performances, Feinstein delves into the history of nightclub entertainment, from the Cotton Club in Harlem to Sinatra's Rat Pack, and talks to some pioneers of the form, such as Rose Marie (she "opened" Las Vegas in the 1940s) and the poet and author Maya Angelou, who once made her living doing a calypso club act in San Francisco.

NOLA: MLNH 010285
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/15/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:09

'OMG! Meiyu' Introduces China to American Slang, Idioms and Jay-Z: Combining the powers of social media and fluent Mandarin, Jessica Beinecke teaches American slang to eager Chinese minds half a world away. Hari Sreenivasan reports on Beinecke's success with Voice of America's online video program "OMG! Meiyu" and her role as an ambassador of American culture and language to China.

Economy

NOLA: MLNH 010239
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/11/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:30

Taxes: How High Is Too High? Economics correspondent Paul Solman explores the question of just how high U.S. tax rates should or shouldn't be and examines the relationship between economic activity and tax rates. It's part of his ongoing reporting series, Making Sense of financial news.

NOLA: WWIR 005131
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/27/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Ahead of next week's Florida Republican primary, the 4 remaining candidates squared off on the ground and in two debates. Plus, following his State of the Union Address, President Obama hit the road to push his economic and jobs plan. Joining Gwen: Dan Balz, The Washington Post; John Dickerson, Slate Magazine & CBS News; Jackie Calmes, The New York Times; David Wessel, The Wall Street Journal.

NOLA: WWIR 005132
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

What do January's unemployment numbers tell us about the economy? Plus, Mitt Romney won the Florida primary, but his comments about the poor are making headlines. Also, new FEC disclosures shine light on Super PAC money. Joining Gwen: Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; John Harwood, CNBC and New York Times; Doyle McManus, Los Angeles Times; Jim Tankersley, National Journal.

NOLA: NETK 000223
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Newt Gingrich stoked a political firestorm recently when he called President Obama "the greatest food stamp president" in American history. On this edition of Need to Know, we ask: Why are so many Americans on food stamps, and what does it say about the federal safety net and the state of poverty in America? Jeff Greenfield anchors.

NOLA: NETK 000226
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/9/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Our tax code has been described as a morass of different rates, deductions, loopholes, and subsidies that is different depending on each individual taxpayers situation. Homeowners are treated differently than renters; high earners are paying lower rates, in some cases, than middle-class Americans. And, on top of that, the nation faced a \$1.3 trillion deficit last year. So, how do we make our tax code simpler and fairer? And how do we produce more revenue without stifling job creation? This week, Need to Know's Ray Suarez hosts a panel of tax experts who debate how to fix the tax mess.

Education

NOLA: NETK 000222
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/10/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

With student loan debt now nearing \$1 trillion, Need to Know looks at the dilemma facing young people: go to college and likely accumulate tens of thousands of dollars in debt or more, or skip it and risk never qualifying for a higher-paying job. The show profiles one recent college graduate, who is now unemployed.

Then, anchor Ray Suarez talks to author Anya Kamenetz about what she calls the "debt generation." And our online video series "Presidentiality" makes its broadcast debut, analyzing a claim by Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum that a college education makes students less religious.

NOLA: PNRE 001525
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/18/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Voter ID: If the right to vote is sacred, and depriving someone of that right is morally wrong, then what to make of the tough new voter identification requirements being proposed across the country? USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah: "We're a nation based on moral values, and when we express those values to communities around the world, we're showing them an America...with whom they want to partner and not fight." Church Worship Services in Public Schools: Does allowing churches to worship in public schools create a constitutional problem, or is it an expression of religious freedom?

NOLA: MLNH 010284
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/14/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:32

Oakland Program Aims to Pique Girls' Interest in Science, Tech Careers: As part of the NewsHour's American Graduate series, correspondent Spencer Michels reports on Techbridge, an after-school program based in Oakland, Calif., that shows hundreds of female students a path to pursuing careers in science and technology, while also trying to minimize the chances of them dropping out of school.

NOLA: MLNH 010270
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/23/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:13:21

Online Public Schools Gain Popularity, but Quality Questions Persist: Full-time public cyber schools are now an option in 30 states, allowing some 250,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade to press buttons to raise their hands and message their teachers. John Tulenko of Learning Matters Television reports from Pennsylvania where the demand for online charter schools is high.

Employment

NOLA: NETK 000217
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

How is Main Street doing? On the eve of the New Hampshire presidential primary, Need to Know visits Nashua and travels up and down that city's Main Street to find out.

The poverty rate in New Hampshire is the lowest in the nation and the unemployment rate is the fourth lowest, and several small businesses and restaurants in Nashua are thriving. But Need to Know also discovered many people drowning in debt, unable to pay back their student loans or to pay their medical debt. A marriage counselor along Main Street in Nashua describes how financial distress is causing severe marital discord. Scott Simon hosts.

NOLA: NETK 000221
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In the monthly "Help Wanted" special tied to the release of the national unemployment report, "Need to Know" visits Nevada on the eve of the Republican presidential caucuses and reports on the state's enduring foreclosure problem. Nevada has had the nation's highest foreclosure rate for more than four years. The show interviews the state's attorney general and examines why federal programs designed to alleviate the problem haven't had greater impact.

NOLA: NETK 000225
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In an updated "Help Wanted" edition of Need to Know, correspondent John Larson reports from Ohio about whether recent economic gains have changed the fortunes of four people - with jobs - who suffered greatly during the great recession that began in 2008. Among those profiled are a factory supervisor who now works the overnight shift after being unemployed more than a year, a full-time teacher who now earns half as much and no longer has benefits, and a husband-wife team of electricians who have had trouble getting work or securing loans, despite very high credit scores.

NOLA: MLNH 010281
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/9/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:24

Jobs Report Shows 'More Momentum,' but Unevenness Seen in U.S. Recovery: New jobs numbers released Friday showed more than 142 million Americans at work in February, the most since January 2009, but the unemployment rate stayed put at 8.3 percent. Ray Suarez discusses the latest numbers and general trends in hiring with Brandeis University's Lisa Lynch and Mesirow Financial's Diane Swonk.

Environment/Nature/Natural Disasters

NOLA: NOVA 003901
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Deadliest Volcanoes
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/4/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Millions of people around the world live in the shadow of active volcanoes. Under constant threat of massive volcanic eruptions, their homes and their lives are daily at risk from these sleeping giants. From Japan's Mount Fuji to the "Sleeping Giant" submerged beneath Naples to the Yellowstone "supervolcano" in the United States, travel with scientists from around the world who are at work on these sites, attempting to discover how likely these volcanoes are to erupt, when eruptions might happen and how deadly they could prove to be.

NOLA: NAAT 002905
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Kangaroo Mob
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/11/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Meet the mob of street smart kangaroos moving into Australia's capital city and the ecologists who follow their every move. Over the course of one drought-stricken year, follow mob leader Black Spot and kangaroo mother Madge with her two young joeys—mischievous Sonny and tiny pouch-bound Alice. This is a look at what happens when human development encroaches on wildlife habitat and two very different species are forced to co-exist.

NOLA: INGI 000103
Series Title: Inside Nature's Giants
Episode Title: Great White Shark
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The experts travel to South Africa to dissect a 15-foot-long great white shark. Comparative anatomist Joy Reidenberg uncovers the amazing array of senses the shark possesses, including the ability to detect the electro-magnetic field given off by other creatures. Veterinary scientist Mark Evans investigates the origins of the shark's infamous killing bite, and evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins explains how sharks' teeth and jaws evolved from their outer skin and gill arches. Finally, the experts ask whether the shark deserves its reputation as a man killer.

NOLA: INGI 000102
Series Title: Inside Nature's Giants
Episode Title: Monster Python
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In Florida's Everglades, Mark Evans and Joy Reidenberg meet "python hunters" who are attempting to control the python population (approximately 100,000) through a cull. They join reptile expert Jeanette Wyneken to dissect two pythons: a nine-foot male and a 14-foot female. The program explores the science of slithering, as well as the development of "infra-red goggles" that let the snakes hunt warm-blooded prey in the dark and a flexible jaw that allows them to stretch their mouths around huge prey, including alligators. The scientists make an amazing discovery in the female: ovaries bulging with 40 egg follicles ready to be fertilized. Richard Dawkins describes how snakes evolved from four-legged lizard-like ancestors, and biologist Simon Watt finds out what it feels like to be crushed by a real-life python.

NOLA: NAAT 002906
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Fortress of the Bears
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Part of the massive Tongass National Forest, Admiralty Island in southeast Alaska supports the largest concentration of bears anywhere in the world. Sustained by a wealth of salmon streams, isolated and protected by their environment, some 1,700 Alaskan brown bears are part of a unique circle of life that has played out here for centuries. Beginning in August, millions of salmon—pink and chum, coho and sockeye—return to the island to spawn, providing a feast for the bears, eagles, orcas, sea lions and even the trees. As long as the salmon continue to arrive, all is well. But this year, the salmon fail to arrive for the first time, and the bears get a bitter taste of what the future may hold.

NOLA: FRON 003008
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Inside Japan's Nuclear Meltdown
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/28/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

FRONTLINE continues its investigation of nuclear safety with an unprecedented account of the crisis inside the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex after a devastating earthquake and tsunami struck Japan on March 11, 2011. With exclusive eye-witness testimony from key figures in the drama--including the Japanese Prime Minister and senior executives at the power company Tepco--FRONTLINE tells the story of the workers struggling frantically to reconnect power inside the plant's pitch-dark and highly radioactive reactor buildings; the nuclear experts and officials in the Prime Minister's office fighting to get information as the crisis spiraled out of control; and the plant manager who disobeyed his executives' orders when he thought it would save the lives of his workers. The story profiles the Japanese soldiers and firefighters drafted to cool the reactors, who were wounded when the reactor housings exploded; and the families living near the nuclear plant, who unknowingly fled in the same direction as the radioactive plume, exposing themselves to dangerously high radiation levels.

Family/Marriage

NOLA: WWIR 005130
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/20/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week Washington Week is on the road in South Carolina. Mitt Romney's lead shrank as Newt Gingrich climbed in the polls, but Gingrich's ex-wife made potentially damaging claims about their marriage. Plus, two candidates drop out of the GOP race, and more. Joining Gwen: Jeff Zeleny, New York Times; Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Charles Babington, Associated Press; Sam Youngman, Reuters.

NOLA: WWIR 005133
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/10/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

President Barack Obama modified a controversial mandate on birth control access. But could there be lingering political fallout? Plus, did Rick Santorum's big wins this week change the GOP presidential race? And a decision on California's same-sex marriage ban. Joining Gwen: Pete Williams, NBC News; John Dickerson, Slate & CBS News; Nia-Malika Henderson, The Washington Post; Beth Reinhard, National Journal.

NOLA: CLAE 000101
Series Title: Clinton: American Experience
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 2/20/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

From draft dodging to the Dayton Accords, from Monica Lewinsky to a balanced budget, the presidency of William Jefferson Clinton veered between sordid scandal and grand achievement. In CLINTON, the latest installment in the critically acclaimed and successful series of presidential biographies, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE explores the fascinating story of an American president who rose from a broken childhood in Arkansas to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history and one of the most complex and conflicted characters to ever stride across the public stage. It recounts a career full of accomplishment and rife with scandal, a marriage that would make history and create controversy and a presidency that would define the crucial and transformative period between the fall of the Berlin Wall and 9/11. It follows Clinton across his two terms as he confronted some of the key forces that would shape the future, including partisan political warfare and domestic and international terrorism, and struggled, with uneven success, to define the role of American power in a post-Cold War world. Most memorably, it explores how Clinton's conflicted character made history, even as it enraged his enemies and confounded his friends. The program features unprecedented access to scores of Clinton insiders, including White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers, White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum, White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and Deputy Chief of Staff Harold Ickes, as well as interviews with foreign leaders, members of the Republican opposition, childhood friends, staffers from Clinton's years as governor of Arkansas, biographers and journalists.

NOLA: MLNH 010258
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/7/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:11:13

Will Prop. 8 Ruling Lead Supreme Court to Consider Same-Sex Marriage? A federal appeals court ruled 2-1 Tuesday against banning same-sex marriage in California, upholding a lower court's ruling. Spencer Michels reports and Gwen Ifill discusses the decision and the next steps with David Boies of the American Foundation for Equal Rights and John Eastman of the National Organization for Marriage.

Health/Health Care

NOLA: PNRE 001521
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/22/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Living with the Moral Burdens of War: After 10 years of war, says Georgetown University professor Nancy Sherman, US troops are coming home from Iraq, "and now they see that whole project of stability and democratization unraveling. They come home carrying heavy, invisible wounds, of a sense of betrayal and PTSD. Was it worth it?" Ahmadiyya Muslims: "The question in the eyes of many other Muslims," according to Georgetown University Islamic studies professor John Esposito, is "are these people really Muslims or not?" Feng Shui: Using ancient Chinese spiritual principles, says Raymond Lo, a feng shui grand master in Hong Kong, "we can establish where is the good energy and where is the bad energy."

NOLA: MLNH 010256
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:04:48

Komen Charity Reverses Planned Parenthood Grant Cuts: After two days of uproar and different explanations for its initial decision, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure charity reversed course Friday on cutting funding for Planned Parenthood. Hari Sreenivasan and Amina Khan of The Los Angeles Times discuss the abrupt shift in message at the well-known breast cancer charity.

NOLA: MLNH 010255
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/2/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:07:36

What's Behind Komen Charity's Split From Planned Parenthood? Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the well-known breast cancer charity, faces an onslaught of criticism after news broke that it would stop giving grant money to Planned Parenthood clinics for breast screening. Judy Woodruff discusses the move and whether it may have been politically motivated with The Los Angeles Times' Shari Roan.

Media

NOLA: WWIR 005129
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Will Mitt Romney's momentum from successive wins in Iowa and New Hampshire help him win South Carolina? Plus, the Supreme Court will decide on the FCC's authority to regulate the airwaves, and President Obama's aims to shrink government. Joining Gwen: Beth Reinhard, National Journal; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News; Alexis Simendinger, RealClearPolitics.com; Pete Williams, NBC News.

NOLA: CODR 000000
Series Title: Story of The Costume Drama: The Greatest Stories Ever Told;
The
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/4/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

A celebration of 50 years of small-screen historical costume drama—the genre that has brought bans in America and complaints from the Royal Family while creating massive stars in some of the most memorable and best-loved series ever broadcast on PBS—this is a wide-ranging special, covering love and war, birth and death, the rich and the poor. THE STORY OF THE COSTUME DRAMA, narrated by Keeley Hawes, shows the audience how the genre has changed across the decades — from "The Forsyte Saga" to "Upstairs Downstairs," "Brideshead Revisited" to "I, Claudius" — with feature interviews with the stars of the series and the people behind the camera responsible for them, from the writers to the location managers.

NOLA: MFAS 000201
Series Title: Michael Feinstein's American Songbook
Episode Title: Time Machines
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/3/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:54:19

"Time Machines" explores how technology has preserved – and altered – the way we think about the great songs and singers of the past. On a coast-to-coast tour with stops in New York, Palm Springs, Kansas City, upstate New York and even the storied Playboy Mansion in Los Angeles, Michael Feinstein introduces viewers to soundies (the original music videos), the historic building where "jam sessions" were born (and still hosts after-hours gigs) and an eclectic array of performers and collectors who help keep the music alive, including avid collector and music-lover Hugh Hefner, who shares rare footage of cabaret legend Bobby Short, and the British crooner Al Bowlly.

NOLA: INLE 001314
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/14/2012 11:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Combining fresh and candid 16mm footage that had lain undiscovered in the cellar of Swedish Television for the past 30 years, with contemporary audio interviews from leading African-American artists, activists, musicians and scholars, "Mixtape" looks at the people, society, culture and style that fuelled an era of convulsive change, 1967-1975. Utilizing an innovative format that riffs on the popular 1970s mixtape format, this is a cinematic and musical journey into the black communities of America.

NOLA: PNRE 001528
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/10/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Post-Super Tuesday Analysis: "Rick Santorum is a very particular kind of Catholic ... A lot of Catholics don't see themselves in him, and a lot of people actually don't even know that he's Catholic. Most people assume he's an evangelical," says Religion News Service editor in chief Kevin Eckstrom. Religion and Social Media: In the brave new world of social media, says communication professor Stephen O'Leary, church authorities from pastors to the heads of denominations "no longer have the kind of control they once did." God's Love Homeless Shelter: "It doesn't take a lot of misfortune to be on the street these days. I think everybody in America knows that right now," says Ann Miller of Helena, Montana, where she and her husband, Wayne, opened God's Love, an emergency homeless shelter and soup kitchen.

Minorities/Civil Rights

NOLA: INLE 001308
Series Title: Independent Lens | Have You Heard from Johannesburg?
Episode Title: Road to Resistance
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Just as the United Nations adopts the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, South Africa heads in the opposite direction, instituting a system of racist and oppressive laws against non-whites and imprisoning opposition leaders, including Nelson Mandela.

NOLA: INLE 001312
Series Title: Independent Lens | Have You Heard from Johannesburg?
Episode Title: Free at Last
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The apartheid regime in Pretoria crumbles under pressure from a united popular uprising inside its borders and crushing international pressure to reform. Nelson Mandela is freed from prison and in 1990 is elected president of a democratic South Africa.

NOLA: SBAN 000000
Series Title: Slavery by Another Name
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/13/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

A Sundance Film Festival selection for 2012, this new documentary based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Wall Street Journal senior writer Douglas A. Blackmon, explores the little-known story of the post-Emancipation era and the labor practices and laws that effectively created a new form of slavery in the South that persisted well into the 20th century. Blackmon examines the concept of "neoslavery," which sentenced African-Americans to forced labor for violating an array of laws that criminalized their everyday behavior. Award-winning actor Laurence Fishburne ("CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," Thurgood) narrates.

NOLA: URWS 000000
Series Title: Underground Railroad: The William Still Story
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/6/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Extraordinary people risked their lives to help fugitive slaves escape via the clandestine Underground Railroad. Among them was William Still of Philadelphia, a free black man who accepted delivery of transported crates containing "human cargo." This documentary reveals some of the dramatic, lesser-known stories behind this humanitarian enterprise, and explores key Canadian connections, including the surprising fate of former slaves who crossed the border to "Freedom's Land."

NOLA: INLE 001315
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: More Than a Month
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/22/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Shukree Hassan Tilghman, a 29-year-old African-American filmmaker, is on a cross-country campaign to end Black History Month. Through this tongue-in-cheek journey, "More Than a Month" investigates what the treatment of history tells us about race and equality in a "post-racial" America.

National Politics/Government

Category: National Politics/Government
NOLA: WWIR 005128
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/6/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week, we're on the ground in Manchester, New Hampshire to preview the primaries. After a close finish in Iowa, will Mitt Romney stay ahead of the pack in the Granite State? Joining Gwen: Dan Balz, Washington Post; John Dickerson, Slate Magazine and CBS News; Julianna Goldman, Bloomberg News; John Harwood, CNBC and The New York Times.

NOLA: INLE 001310
Series Title: Independent Lens | Have You Heard from Johannesburg?
Episode Title: From Selma to Soweto
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Only a decade removed from the height of its own civil rights movement, the United States becomes a key battleground as African Americans lead a grassroots movement to force the United States to reverse its policies toward South Africa.

NOLA: FRON 002921
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Nuclear Aftershocks
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/17/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

It's been almost a year since a devastating earthquake and tsunami crippled Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, leaving the country's once popular energy program in shambles. In response, Germany decided to abandon nuclear energy entirely. Should the U.S. follow suit? FRONTLINE correspondent Miles O'Brien examines the implications of the Fukushima accident for U.S. nuclear safety, and asks how this disaster will affect the future of nuclear energy around the world. In particular, he visits one emerging battleground: The controversial relicensing of the Indian Point nuclear plant, located only 38 miles from Manhattan. What lessons can be learned from the disaster in Japan?

NOLA: WWIR 005136
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/2/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As we head into Super Tuesday, which GOP candidate has momentum and how will Tuesday's primaries change the race? Meanwhile, President Obama makes campaign-like speeches in Michigan and New York. Also, Senator Olympia Snow resigns, saying there is no longer bipartisanship in Congress. Joining Gwen: John Dickerson, Slate/CBS News; Gloria Borger, CNN; Charles Babington, Associated Press.

Recreation/Leisure/Sports

NOLA: PCEP 000000
Series Title: Easy Yoga for Easing Pain
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/28/2012 3:00:00 PM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Joint pain is the major complaint of millions of individuals who suffer from arthritis, who've injured themselves or who perform jobs that require some form of repetitive action. All joint pain sufferers share a common observation: the real pain of joint pain is that it is unrelenting. According to yoga expert Peggy Cappy, yoga can be a great first line of defense. In this new program, she demonstrates how yoga can increase flexibility, reduce joint and muscular aches and pains and even combat fatigue.

NOLA: WWIR 005134
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/17/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As the GOP presidential primary race between Rick Santorum and Mitt Romney tightens, the panel previews the Arizona and Michigan primaries. Plus, President Barack Obama's proposed budget, a deal to extend payroll tax cuts, and tensions over Iran's nuclear program. Joining Gwen: Karen Tumulty, Washington Post; Jackie Calmes, New York Times; Susan Davis, USA Today; Martha Raddatz, ABC News.

NOLA: AMDO 002415
Series Title: POV
Episode Title: Racing Dreams
Length: 90 minutes
Airdate: 2/23/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Fondly described as "Talladega Nights meets Catcher in the Rye," "Racing Dreams" chronicles a year in the life of three tweens who dream of becoming NASCAR drivers. Though they aren't old enough for driving licenses, Brandon, Josh and Annabeth race extreme go-karts at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour in the World Karting Association's national series, the "Little League" of professional racing. The film, by Marshall Curry (Oscar®-nominated "Street Fight," POV 2005; "If a Tree Falls," POV 2011), is a humorous and heartbreaking portrait of racing, young love and family struggle. Winner of Best Documentary Feature Award, 2009 Tribeca Film Festival.

NOLA: MLNH 010278
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/6/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:05:32

What Bounty System Scandal Means for NFL's Future: NFL investigators found the New Orleans Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams had created a bounty program to reward players when they injured opposing teams' players. Hari Sreenivasan and Sports Illustrated's Peter King discuss other ongoing investigations and the implications for the future of the NFL.

Religion/Ethics

NOLA: PNRE 001522
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/28/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Egypt Revolution Anniversary: Egypt's recent parliamentary elections have raised concerns about the imposition of an Islamist agenda by Islamist groups and parties, but Middle East expert Kate Seelye says "the hope is that once in office they will move more to the center and that won't be the case." The Evangelical Vote: "Will evangelicals turn out in large numbers and be energized as volunteers and financial supporters of Mitt Romney? It just takes a few million evangelicals to choose to not get as actively involved in this race to cost Mitt Romney the presidency," according to evangelical journalist Warren Cole Smith. World's Biggest Congregation: "Our church operates like orchestra. Every day we make perfect harmony and fantastic symphony," says Yoido Full Gospel Church's senior pastor, Rev. Young Hoon Lee.

NOLA: INGI 000101
Series Title: Inside Nature's Giants
Episode Title: Sperm Whale
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Veterinary scientist Mark Evans and comparative anatomist Joy Reidenberg dissect a sperm whale's enormous organs to reveal the secrets of this 45-foot deep-sea giant, which stranded and died on Pegwell Bay, Kent, England. As the team ventures inside the whale, biologist Simon Watt tracks whales in the Azores with a modern-day Jonah, Malcolm Clarke, who shows him the huge number of squid beaks in a whale's stomach. Evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, marveling at the gigantic teeth that have evolved in the lower jaw of a sperm whale, digs out his copy of the King James Bible for a reading about Leviathan from the Book of Job.

NOLA: WDFW 000000
Series Title: Dr. Wayne Dyer - Wishes Fulfilled
Length: 180 minutes
Airdate: 3/3/2012 11:00:00 AM
Service: PBS-SIP
Format: Demonstration/Instructional
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Best-selling author and beloved teacher Dr. Wayne Dyer presents his Five Wishes Fulfilled Foundations: five steps to living from your "highest self" and thereby attracting your deepest desires. Using his trademark humor, combined with source material drawn from some of the most original American "New Thought" philosophers of the 20th century, Dr. Dyer outlines a program for mastering the tools necessary for living a profoundly extraordinary life, showing viewers how to create new and astonishing thought patterns while defeating unproductive and recurring habits.

NOLA: PNRE 001526
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/25/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Gay Rights in Uganda: "America has an agenda for homosexuals in Uganda," according to Pastor Joseph Serwadda, and accepting gay rights as human rights and human rights as gay rights "is going to be very tough on Africa." Elaine Pagels on the Book of Revelation: "It's as though you take all of your nightmares about plague or destruction or war or torture or natural catastrophe, and you just wrap it into a huge single nightmare, and you get the Book of Revelation," says this historian and Princeton professor of religion. Ashes to Go: You receive ashes on your forehead "to remember that life is short...you come from dust and will return to dust," says Julie Bringman, director of Sunday night ministries at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC.

Science/Technology

NOLA: NOVA 003902
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Bombing Hitler's Dams
Length: 120 minutes
Airdate: 1/11/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In 1943 a squadron of Lancaster bombers staged one of the most audacious raids in history – destroying two gigantic dams in Germany's industrial heartland and cutting the water supply to arms factories – with a revolutionary bouncing bomb invented by British engineer Barnes Wallis. Wallis and the pilots of 617 Squadron dealt a mighty blow to the German war machine. Now, NOVA re-creates the extreme engineering challenges faced by Wallis and the pilots with the aid of six spectacular experiments. Each represents a technical challenge that the "Dambusters" had to solve to make their mission a success. A team of experts—from dam engineers to explosives specialists—steps into the shoes of the Dambusters. They will adapt a vintage World War II DC4 to carry a bomb the size of an oil drum; train to drop it from a dangerously low altitude in pitch darkness; get it to bounce over obstacles and onto the target; and finally, at a test site in Canada with a 1:6 scale model of one of the German dams, try to repeat history.

NOLA: NOVA 003904
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Mystery of a Masterpiece
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/25/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format:
Segment Length: 00:00:00

In October 2009, a striking portrait of a young woman in Renaissance dress made world news headlines. Originally sold two years before for around \$20,000, the portrait is now thought to be an undiscovered masterwork by Leonardo da Vinci worth more than \$100 million. How did cutting edge imaging analysis help tie the portrait to Leonardo? NOVA meets a new breed of experts who are approaching "cold case" art mysteries as if they were crime scenes, determined to discover "who committed the art," and follows art sleuths as they deploy new techniques to combat the multi-billion dollar criminal market in stolen and fraudulent art.

NOLA: INGI 000104
Series Title: Inside Nature's Giants
Episode Title: Big Cats
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The experts dissect a lion and a tiger. From the outside, the two look very different, but once their skins are removed, even the experts find it hard to tell them apart. Biologist Simon Watt comes face to face with a liger – a cross between a lion and a tiger – proof of the two species' similarity. One of the most characteristic features of these magnificent animals – something that distinguishes them from the small cats – is their ability to roar. The team delves into the lion's throat to find the voicebox and makes a discovery that helps explain the way the vocal apparatus works. Richard Dawkins explains the evolutionary arms race between predators and their prey in the struggle to survive. Finally, the experts try to find out why male lions have a distinctive mane.

NOLA: NAAT 002907
Series Title: Nature
Episode Title: Raccoon Nation
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:22

Are human beings, in an effort to outwit raccoons, actually making them smarter and unwittingly contributing to their evolutionary success? Are the ever more complex obstacles that our fast-paced urban world throws at them actually pushing the development of raccoon brains? In this film, scientists from around the world share their thoughts and work to explore this scientific theory. Attempting to do something that has never been done before, they closely follow a family of urban raccoons as they navigate the complex world of a big city.

NOLA: NOVA 003905
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Ice Age Death Trap
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Racing against developers in the Rockies, archaeologists uncover a unique site packed with astonishingly preserved bones of mammoths, mastodons and other giant extinct beasts, opening a window on the vanished world of the Ice Age.

NOLA: NOVA 003908
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: Separating Twins
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:50:40

This is the incredible story of Trishna and Krishna, twin girls born joined at the head. Abandoned shortly after birth at an orphanage in Bangladesh, they had little chance of survival, until they were saved and taken to Australia by an aid worker. After two years battling for life, the twins are ready for a series of delicate operations, which will prepare them for the ultimate challenge: a marathon separation surgery that will allow them to live truly separate lives. Since the beginning, surgeons knew there was no guarantee of survival for either of the girls – but without surgery there was no hope at all. With exclusive access to this extraordinary human and medical drama, NOVA's cameras have been with Trishna and Krishna and their caregivers at each moment of their journey.

NOLA: NAAT 002908 Stacked
Series Title: Nature | Ocean Giants
Episode Title: Giant Lives/Deep Thinkers/Voices of the Sea
Length: 180 minutes
Airdate: 2/22/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Whales and dolphins remain a constant source of fascination. But how much do we really know about them? Whales and dolphins, known as cetaceans, may appear to be totally alien to us – but with their mental ability, group communication and the recent discovery that dolphins have individual names, they are closer to us than we ever imagined. This series provides new insights into the lives of whales and dolphins in a visually powerful, engaging and entertaining format. Two of the world's top underwater cameramen – Doug Allan ("Planet Earth"'s polar specialist) and Didier Noirot (Cousteau's front-line cameraman) – film breathtaking encounters. Teams of intrepid scientists equipped with the latest technology are making extraordinary breakthroughs in their understanding of these intelligent life forms – breakthroughs that may safeguard their survival.

Transportation

NOLA: MLNH 010235
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/5/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:06:42

How the U.S. Auto Industry Picked Up Speed in 2011: With nearly 13 million cars sold, 2011 turned out to be the strongest year for Detroit's major automakers since the financial crisis hit in 2008. Margaret Warner discusses just how that 10 percent increase came to be with David Shepardson, who covers the auto industry for The Detroit News.

NOLA: MLNH 010243
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/17/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:03:39

More Bodies Discovered Aboard Capsized Cruise Ship: The chances of finding survivors aboard a capsized cruise liner began fading Tuesday, as the Italian navy blasted into the ship's hull and the death count climbed to 11. Martin Geissler of Independent Television News has the latest on the continuing search efforts and the potential evidence building against the ship's captain.

NOLA: MLNH 010275
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 3/1/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:09:16

Will Brown's Vision for High-Speed Rail in California Stay on Track? Gov. Jerry Brown wants California to build bullet trains. Correspondent Spencer Michels reports on whether a massive and costly high-speed rail project, now underway in a state flooded with budget cuts, will ever be completed or worth its cost.

War/Veterans/National Security

NOLA: NOVA 003903
Series Title: NOVA
Episode Title: 3D Spies of WWII
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/18/2012 8:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

During World War II, Hitler's scientists developed terrifying new weapons of mass destruction. Alarmed by rumors about advanced rockets and missiles, Allied intelligence recruited a team of brilliant minds from British universities and Hollywood studios to a country house near London. Here, they secretly pored over millions of air photos shot at great risk over German territory by specially converted, high-flying Spitfires. Peering at the photos through 3D stereoscopes, the team spotted telltale clues that revealed hidden Nazi rocket bases. The photos led to devastating Allied bombing raids that were crucial setbacks to the German rocket program and helped ensure the success of the D-Day landings. With 3D graphics that recreate exactly what the photo spies saw, NOVA tells the suspenseful, previously untold story of air photo intelligence that played a vital role in defeating Hitler.

NOLA: WWIR 005135
Series Title: Washington Week
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/24/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Interview/Discussion/Review
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Rick Santorum is the main target in the GOP race as 13 states prepare to vote between now and Super Tuesday. Plus, international leaders meet in Tunisia to prevent more bloodshed in Syria. And unrest continues in Afghanistan after the burning of Qurans. Joining Gwen: Michael Duffy, TIME Magazine; Jeanne Cummings, Bloomberg News; Nancy Youssef, McClatchy; Yochi Dreazen, National Journal.

NOLA: PNRE 001527
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 3/3/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

The Ethics of Drones: "When we're using missiles that kill but place no risk," suggests Yale law professor Stephen Carter, "that means it's easier to fight, which means it's more likely we'll fight." Holy Family Ministries: "These schools are the jewels of their neighborhood, and we need to save them," says Susan Work, president of Holy Family Ministries in Chicago. Orthodox Lenten Meals: In the Orthodox Christian tradition fasting is not about deprivation, says Catherine Mandell, author of "When You Fast: Recipes for Lenten Seasons."

Women

NOLA: AOAK 000000
Series Title: Annie Oakley: American Experience
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/31/2012 7:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:49:42

This is the story of the star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, the young woman who thrilled audiences around the world with her daring shooting feats. While her act helped fuel turn-of-the-century nostalgia for the vanished, mythical world of the American West, the legend of Annie Oakley had little to do with the real Annie. Although famous as a western sharpshooter, Oakley lived her entire life east of the Mississippi. A champion in a man's sport, Oakley forever changed ideas about the abilities of women, yet opposed female suffrage. Her fame and fortune came from her skill with guns, a concept that was counter to her Quaker upbringing.

NOLA: INLE 001313
Series Title: Independent Lens
Episode Title: Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/8/2012 12:00:00 AM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

As a black woman who was a feminist before the term was invented, Daisy Bates refused to accept her assigned place in society. This program tells the story of her life and public support of nine black students who registered to attend the all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, which culminated in a constitutional crisis - pitting a president against a governor and a community against itself. Unconventional, revolutionary and egotistical, Bates reaped the rewards of instant fame, but paid dearly for it.

Youth

NOLA: NETK 000218
Series Title: Need to Know
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/13/2012 10:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This week, Need to Know explores how the Republican candidates' opposition to gay marriage will affect the outcome of the nomination fight and the general election. Correspondent Mona Iskander goes to Minneapolis to look at a program designed to provide shelter for homeless LGBT youth. We also speak to David Brody of the Christian Broadcasting Network, and New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn offers her take on attaining LGBT equality. Maria Hinojosa hosts.

NOLA: FRON 003005
Series Title: Frontline
Episode Title: Opium Brides
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 1/3/2012 9:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Unexpected victims have been caught in the crossfire of attempts to eradicate Afghanistan's flourishing drug trade: young farm girls. Afghanistan produces more than 90 percent of the world's illicit opium. Opium farmers have long borrowed money from drug gangs, some with links to the Taliban, to subsidize their crops. Now, as the Afghan government destroys their livelihood in an eradication program, the farmers find themselves in a horrifying situation: repay their debts or give their daughters to drug-traffickers, often to be used for sex. Award-winning Afghan journalist Najibullah Quraishi reports on the harrowing story of families torn apart and the collateral damage of the counter-narcotics effort in Afghanistan. Also this hour, a timely encore broadcast: FRONTLINE crosses the border into Pakistan, where correspondents Stephen Grey and Martin Smith go inside "The Secret War" against the militants. They uncover evidence of covert support for elements of the Taliban by the Pakistani military and its intelligence service, the ISI. At a safe house not far from where Osama bin Laden was killed, they make contact with one mid-level Taliban commander who tells FRONTLINE, "If they really wanted to, [the Pakistanis] could arrest us all in an hour."

NOLA: PNRE 001519
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 1/7/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

North Korea Refugees: "What's wrong with this picture: 50 miles north of here is possibly the worst human rights situation, including Christian persecution in the entire world, and here we are in South Korea living a lifestyle that's probably on par with the United States and Europe," says pastor Tim Peters, a missionary in South Korea. Paul Simon: "There seems to be a theme in the album, not intentional, and it's funny because for somebody who is not a religious person, God comes up a lot in my songs," says legendary singer/songwriter Paul Simon. Red Thread Promise: The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal in New Orleans, hard-hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, is now helping handicapped children in Haiti, survivors of the earthquake there. "It was clear right away the connection between New Orleans and Haiti," says Rev. Scott Albergate.

NOLA: NTCA 000000
Series Title: Not In Our Town: Class Actions
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/13/2012 9:30:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: Documentary
Segment Length: 00:00:00

This program features three stories of students and their communities standing together to stop hate and bullying. Fifty years after James Meredith became the first black student at the segregated University of Mississippi, football fans revive the chant "The South will rise again." Student leaders confront the divisive practice, sparking a campus visit from the Ku Klux Klan. The college town of Bloomington, Indiana, shocked after a Korean student was murdered by a white supremacist a decade ago, bands together again after anti-Semitic attacks on the eve of Hanukkah. In Lancaster, a city east of Los Angeles, a middle school counselor starts an anti-bullying program that inspires a citywide campaign after teen suicides in nearby towns shake the town into action.

NOLA: MLNH 010254
Series Title: PBS NewsHour
Length: 60 minutes
Airdate: 2/1/2012 6:00:00 PM
Service: PBS
Format: News
Segment Length: 00:08:45

Gang Member-Turned-Ph.D. Mentors Youth on the Fringes: Victor Rios says he has lived two lifetimes. In his first, he was a gang member, juvenile delinquent and high school dropout. Now, he's a sociology professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, who tries to help adolescents avoid the same mistakes he made and get second chances like he did. Ray Suarez reports.

NOLA: PNRE 001524
Series Title: Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly
Length: 30 minutes
Airdate: 2/11/2012 12:30:00 AM
Service: PBS-PLUS
Format: Magazine
Segment Length: 00:00:00

Egypt's Islamists: "We don't want a religious state," says Muslim Brotherhood member of parliament Ossama Yassin. "We want a modern, civil, democratic state belonging to the people." Education Justice: "Our Christian faith," says David Montague, director of the Memphis Teacher Residency program, "informs our belief that every child can learn." Madeleine L'Engle: "In times when we are not particularly suffering, we do not have enough time for God. We are too busy with other things. And then the intense suffering comes, and we cannot be busy with other things. And then God comes into the equation."

First Quarter Programs

January - March 2012

Capitol Journal

January

1/27 Don Dailey interviews Governor Robert Bentley about his priorities for the upcoming legislative session, including balancing the troubled general fund budget (his recommendations include drastic cuts) and education reform (including charter schools and teacher stipends for classroom supplies). And guest journalists David White with the Birmingham News and Brian Lyman with the Montgomery Advertiser offer analysis of the upcoming session.

February

2/3 Olivia Stacey interviews Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives Mike Hubbard about the upcoming legislative session, including the possibility of cutting hundreds of millions of dollars from the budgets and laying off hundreds of state employees. He also talks about the Governor's education reform initiatives. Also: Don Dailey interviews Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh about the looming budget cuts and a study he commissioned on government efficiency. And guest journalists Shedd Johnson with WVAS radio and Sebastian Kitchens with the Montgomery Advertiser offer commentary and analysis on the week's news in state government.

2/6 Don Dailey interviews State Mental Health Commissioner Zelia Baugh about how her agency and others are bracing for massive budget and service cuts. Also: how her agency's clients are among the most sensitive to be affected by the cuts. Capitol Journal correspondent Karen Brown reports on State Finance Director Marquita Davis previewing the Governor's proposed operating budgets. And Olivia Stacey reports on the so-called "Finders Keepers" bill, which would allow citizens to basically keep whatever they find in public waters. The report featured an interview with the bill's sponsor, Representative Cam Ward of Alabaster.

2/7 A special live broadcast to cover Governor Robert Bentley's 'State of the State' address. Included: pre-speech analysis and commentary from a guest panel including Dr. Natalie Davis, Professor of Political Science at Birmingham Southern College, and Dr. Tom Vocino, Director of the Center for Leadership and Public Policy at Alabama State University. Following the Governor's address, the official Democratic response from Representative Rod Scott of Birmingham.

2/8 A recap of Governor Robert Bentley's State of the State address. Karen Brown reports on the first full day of action in the Alabama legislature. Capitol Journal correspondent Marcus Hyles interviews the Dean of the Alabama Senate, Hank Sanders of Selma. And Don Dailey interviews Senator Gerald Dial of Lineville about his bills to clarify the immigration law, remove the state tax on groceries and add church robberies to the list of hate crimes.

2/9 Olivia Stacey interviews Representative Duwayne Bridges of Valley about his jobs bill. Two reports on the progress of the jobs packages in both the House and Senate. Karen Brown interviews Representative Craig Ford of Gadsden, House minority leader, about the Democratic agenda in the new legislative session

2/10 A report on the Alabama House passing a couple of job creation bills. Don Dailey interviews Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey about the emphasis on jobs and the economy during this session. Olivia Stacey interviews State Representative Paul DeMarco of Homewood talks about his Taxpayers Bill of Rights. And guest journalists Dana Beyerle with the Tuscaloosa News and Gadsden Times and Bill Britt with the Alabama Political Reporter help analyze the week's legislative events.

2/13 Don Dailey interviews State Senator Scott Beason of Gardendale about an effort to clarify the sweeping immigration law he helped author. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth report on the charter school debate surrounding the current legislative session. The report featured interviews with State Representative Phil Williams of Huntsville and Dr. Gregory Graves, Associate Executive Director, Alabama Education Association.

2/14 A story on an anti-immigration law rally that brought hundreds to the Statehouse steps. Included: rally supporters and a comment from Senator Scott Beason of Gardendale in defense of the immigration law. Olivia Stacey interviews Senator Dick Brewbaker of Montgomery, chairman of the Senate education committee, about education reform bills currently before lawmakers. And Karen Brown has a story on a bill to ban 'sagging pants,' including an interview with bill sponsor, Rep. Alvin Holmes of Montgomery.

2/15 A report on a bill to ease federal healthcare restrictions in Alabama. A story on a nurses' rally at the Statehouse, to call for better quality healthcare in the state. A report on the latest testimony in the gambling corruption trial involving current and former lawmakers. Don Dailey interviews State Senator Paul Bussman of Cullman about the budget crisis, education reform and a bill he's sponsoring that would ease restrictions on storm shelter manufacturers.

2/16 A report on massive cuts proposed for the State Department of Mental Health, including reaction from Commissioner Zelia Baugh and State Representative Jim Barton of Mobile. Karen Brown reports on House passage of a bill to ban sagging pants in Montgomery County. A report on a bill that would stiffen fines for looting in disaster areas. And Marcus Hyles interviews Senate Minority Leader Roger Bedford of Russellville about the Democratic agenda.

2/17 Don Dailey interviews State Representative Jim Barton of Mobile about his concerns over the Governor's proposed budgets. He also discusses charters schools, economic development, and the loss of cruise ship traffic in Mobile. Olivia Stacey interviews Alabama Congressman Jo Bonner about a state push to get more oil spill recovery money from BP, ahead of a proposed settlement in the case. And guest journalists Bob Gambacurta with the Montgomery Independent and Andrew Yeager with WBHM radio in Birmingham discuss the jobs bills, the budgets, and the effort to clarify Alabama's immigration law.

2/20 A report on bills expected to be on the week's legislative agenda, including a ban on texting while driving and another that would ease restrictions on storm shelter manufacturers. Olivia Stacey interviews State Representative Kerry Rich of Albertville of his jobs bill, another to require welfare recipients to undergo drug tests, and the proposed state budgets. And education reporter Erica Lembo has a story on legislation to bring more computer tablets into state classrooms, including interviews with bill sponsors Senator Gerald Dial of Lineville and Representative Jim McClendon of Springville

2/21 A report on the day's legislative news, including an expected House vote on a bill to ban texting while driving. Don Dailey interviews State Representative Patricia Todd of Birmingham about her concerns over the jobs bills currently making their way through the legislature, another bill that would ban occupational taxes statewide, and the budgets. And reporter Marcus Hyles has an in-depth report on a bill to repeal the 2007 legislative pay raises, including an interview with sponsor Senator Bryan Taylor of Prattville.

2/22 A report on the start of joint budget hearings. State agencies go on the defensive and Mental Health Commissioner Zelia Baugh holds a rally on the Statehouse steps to promote her department's cause. Also: a report on a new bill to bailout the troubled Prepaid Affordable College Tuition plan, including comments from House Minority Leader Craig Ford of Gadsden. And Olivia Stacey interviews State Finance Director Marquita Davis on the very serious budget cuts that lie ahead.

2/23 A report on lawmakers asking the Alabama Department of Human Resources to present a plan on what a 25-percent budget cut would like for the agency. Officials say it could mean 900 layoffs. Also: a report on the bill to ban texting while driving statewide. The Alabama Senate was taking it up Thursday, after the House passed it earlier in the week. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative John Merrill of Tuscaloosa about his bill to combat looting in the wake of last spring's tornadoes.

2/24 A report on the legislative headlines of the week, including House passage of a bill to ban texting while driving statewide and another bill to set up a trust fund to build housing for needy residents. Also: Don Dailey interviews Senate Majority Leader Jabo Waggoner of Vestavia about the general fund budget crisis. Olivia Stacey interviews Representative Jim McClendon of Springville about his bill to ban texting while driving, redistricting and the Affordable Healthcare Plan. And guest journalists Brian Lyman of the Montgomery Advertiser and Mary Sell with the Decatur Daily and the Times Daily of Florence analyze the week's legislative news.

2/27 A look ahead at the legislative week, including committee hearings on a bill that would require welfare recipients to undergo drug testing. Olivia Stacey interviews State Representative Phil Williams of Huntsville about his support of charter school legislation and the lively public debate it has sparked. And education reporter Erica Lembo takes an in-depth look at the Real World Design Challenge, an aerospace and engineering competition for high school students.

2/28 Don Dailey interviews State Representative Jack Williams of Birmingham about Jefferson County's bankruptcy woes, a bill to crack down on animal cruelty and his resolution to urge the University of Alabama Board of Trustees to consider former U-S Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to be the next system chancellor. Marcus Hyles has an in-depth report on a bill to help protect Alabama military bases from the next round of federal cuts, including an interview with bill sponsor, Senator Arthur Orr of Decatur. Plus, reports on the day's legislative action, including the introduction of a House bill to promote growing Alabama's film industry.

2/29 Don Dailey interviews Department of Human Resources Commissioner Nancy Buckner about what a proposed 25-percent budget cut would look like in her agency: massive layoffs and the loss of welfare benefits for some 21,000 Alabamians. Also: a report on a bill to legalize midwives in the state, including an interview with a midwife supporter. And Olivia Stacey has an in-depth report on legislation to allow for bigger beer bottles in Alabama, including an interview with members of the "Free the Hops" organization.

3/29 Reports on the AEA denying involvement with charter school robocalls, a bill to add fees to speeding ticket fines to raise money for spinal cord injury research, and Governor Bentley touting industrial growth in his first year in office and the need for proposed jobs bills to keep the momentum going. Also: Karen Brown has an in-depth report on a bill to make the manufacture and distribution of the synthetic drug known as 'spice' a felony. And Don Dailey interviews State Treasurer Young Boozer about the troubled Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program and a bill to reinstate a settlement for contract holders. He also talks about the Unclaimed Property Fund and how it has helped balance the general fund budget in years past.

3/30 News headlines include another drop in Alabama's unemployment rate, a BP complaint that the government hasn't released all documents in the oil spill investigation, and a deadline for residents to file for federal disaster relief from the January storms. Don Dailey interviews State Representative Pebblin Warren of Tuskegee about her efforts to bring the Victoryland casino in Macon County back to full capacity. Don Dailey also interviews State Representative Joe Hubbard of Montgomery about the challenges that lie ahead in the second half of the legislative session. And guest journalist Ken Hare with the Montgomery Advertiser analyzes the week's legislative news.

Sucarnochee Review

January

1/5 Britt Gully belts out "She Likes Sad Songs" and "Long Gone Lonesome Blues." The Grasshopper String Band turns it loose on "The Letter" and "Wagon Wheel." "When A Man Loves A Woman" and "Nothing Can Change This Love" are sung by Justin McCoy. Mississippi Chris Sharp and the Jang-a-Lang String Band perform "The Old Crossroads" and J. Burton Fuller croons the classic song "I'm A Fool To Care."

1/12 The youthful Jessica Strenth puts a unique spin on "Folsom Prison Blues," and her originals, "Nashville Wind" and "Pink Guitar." Track 45 harmonizes on "You Put This Love In My Heart," "Tell Me That You Need Me," and "Cathedrals." J. Burton Fuller sings the classics, "My Baby's Gone" and "Side By Side."

1/19 Britt Gully and the Water Moccasins perform "The Train Robbery," and "Whiskey Hauler." The Treble Makers sing "Being Me." Videt Carmichael & John Sweeney croon "Hold Fast To The Right." Tricia Walker features "Keep Walkin' On", "Grace," and "The Heart Of Dixie."

1/26 The Baritones perform the classic songs "Hi, Neighbor," "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," "Sh-Boom" and "Under The Boardwalk." J. Burton Fuller sings "My Blue Heaven" and "Singing The Blues." The Sucarnochee Stage Hands harmonize on "In The Still Of The Night." Julia Donald stretches her lungs on "Crazy" and "Yodeling At The Grand Ole Opry."

February

2/2 Britt Gully and the Water Moccasins rip through "White Lightning", "I Still Miss Someone" and "I'm Coming Home." The Wesley Belles perform "Sugartime" and "Goodnight Well It's Time To Go". Track 45 features "Rip It Up", "Oh Boy", "Dream Dream Dream" and "Blue Moon". The Sucarnochee Stage Hands croon the songs "Bad Reputation" and "To Be Loved".

Spotlight on Education

January

1/26 In this edition of SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION, Erica Lembo talks with new State School Superintendent, Dr. Tommy Bice, about this new role and plans for the future. Then, Kimberly Kirklin, Education and Outreach Director of ArtPlay, talks about this special initiative of UAB's Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center. The final segment of the program explores informal education for children - learning that takes place outside the school walls. That includes everything from museum programs, after school programs, boy and girl scouting, summer camps and programs, and even the learning that happens between parent and child while reading a book or traveling. Taped segments show what children in Triana, Ala. learned when they were given a chance to star in a movie, and how Dance Your Dreams in Huntsville, Ala. provides dance lessons to kids with physical or mental disabilities.

Lister Hill

January

1/3 J. Lister Hill of Montgomery, Ala. changed state and national healthcare with more than sixty pieces of legislation and numerous other bills during his 45 years in the U.S. Congress. He was a progressive Democrat and an advocate of the New Deal programs. The impact of his legislative programs still affects Alabama today.

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Freedom Riders II

January

1/15 and 1/16 Up until the early 1960s, blacks traveling into the South had to endure local segregation laws in bus and train stations. When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled segregation in interstate travel unconstitutional, black and white students came together to test that ruling in a movement known as the Freedom Rides. Rhonda Colvin examines the violent days when the movement came to Alabama and interviews witnesses and some of the riders themselves. The program also includes interviews with participants from the 2011 Student Freedom Ride, a 50th anniversary re-creation of the first bus trips.

Phenix City

January

1/22 In the 1940s, Phenix City, Alabama was controlled by out of town mobsters. Gambling, prostitution, alcohol and drugs were a central part of the night life in the Russell County community. Attorney and resident Albert Patterson wanted to clean up the town and ran for Attorney General. Patterson was gunned down, murdered for his ambitions. Martial Law was declared and the cleanup began. ALABAMA STORIES explores how the city overcame all obstacles and rose from the ashes. In 1955 Phenix City was awarded the title "All American City."

Jefferson County Sound

February

2/6 and 2/14 Many music historians agree that the African American gospel quartets that began recording and traveling in the 1920s and 30s laid the groundwork for musical forms such as rhythm and blues, doo-wop, Motown and soul. Jefferson County's gospel quartets played a major role in this history, as did many other black performers from the state, including the Grammy Award-winning quartets the Blind Boys of Alabama and the Mighty Clouds of Joy. THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SOUND profiles five Alabama quartets who are still performing today: The Blind Boys of Alabama, the Fairfield Four (based in Nashville but led by Jefferson County native Isaac Freeman), the Four Eagles, the Delta-Aires, and the Birmingham Sunlights. The film explores the difficult road many of these groups traveled -- carried along by faith, sometimes sleeping in cars and eating out of paper sacks, but always ready for the next performance.

Missile to Moon

March

3/27 Missile to Moon, a new production from APT's award-winning documentary team, tells the story of Wernher von Braun and Alabama's significant contribution to the exploration of space. The program will track the evolution of Huntsville from the "Watercress Capital of the World" to "Rocket City, USA," Wernher von Braun's journey from German rocket engineer to American hero, and the role this unlikely combination played in thrusting the United States into the forefront of the Space Age.

March

3/1 Reports on both deliberations in the gambling corruption trial and a federal appeals court taking up challenges to Alabama's controversial immigration law. Another report focuses on higher education supporters rallying on the Statehouse steps for better funding. Karen Brown has an in-depth report on a bill to allow cell phones to be traced in the pursuit of criminals. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Kurt Wallace of Maplesville about his bill to limit how close sex offenders can live.

3/2 A wrap-up of the week's legislative action, including committee passage of a bill that would allow healthcare providers to refuse to perform an abortion, if they have moral objections. Don Dailey interviews Senator Clay Scofield of Guntersville about his bill that would require women seeking abortions to first undergo an ultrasound procedure. Olivia Stacey interviews Representative Juandalynn Givan of Birmingham about her "Caylee's Law" bill to stiffen penalties for not immediately reporting a child death or a missing child. And guest journalists Verna Gates with Reuters and Bill Britt with The Alabama Political Reporter help analyze the week's legislative news.

3/5 A report on an expected committee vote on a bill to ban smoking in most public places. Olivia Stacey has an in-depth story on a bill to offer more incentives for making movies in Alabama, including interviews with bill sponsor, State Representative Terri Collins of Decatur, and Alabama filmmaker Tonya Holly. A report on the start of the annual Selma to Montgomery march. And Olivia Stacey interviews Adam Snyder with the group Conservation Alabama about the environmental agenda in the current legislative session.

3/6 The latest legislative headlines, including the House taking up a bill to encourage economic growth in low income areas by leveraging available federal tax incentives with new state tax incentive offerings. Marcus Hyles has an in-depth report on Democratic efforts to get bills passed in the Republican-majority legislature. He interviews State Senator Rodger Smitherman of Birmingham. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative K-L Brown of Jacksonville about his bill to legalize medical marijuana in the state.

3/7 Karen Brown has an in-depth report on the acquittals of all defendants in the Statehouse corruption case, including interviews with State Senator Harri Anne Smith of Slocomb and Victoryland casino owner Milton McGregor. Also: Don Dailey interviews State Representative Jay Love of Montgomery, the chair of the Ways and Means Education committee, about education reform and the budget crisis.

3/8 Reports on a Statehouse rally against a bill to require women seeking an abortion to first undergo an ultrasound. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth report on a bill to allow students to be excused from school to attend outside religious classes. She interviews bill sponsor, Representative Blaine Galliher of Gadsden. And Don Dailey interviews State Senator Vivian Figures of Mobile about her bill to ban smoking in most public places.

3/9 A report on the culmination of the commemorative Selma to Montgomery march, including protests against the new immigration law. Don Dailey interviews State Senator Linda Coleman of Birmingham about her opposition to a bill that would require women seeking an abortion to first undergo an ultrasound procedure. Don Dailey interviews State Representative Daniel Boman of Sulligent about his resolution mocking legislation in the on-going session. And guest journalists Sebastian Kitchen with the Montgomery Advertiser and Kyle Whitmire with Weld for Birmingham discuss the week's legislative news, including the acquittals in the Statehouse corruption trial.

3/12 Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth story on a bill to amend the Youth Concussion Law. She interviews bill sponsors, Representative Juandalynn Givan of Birmingham and Representative Ron Johnson of Sylacauga, about the effort to give local school boards more authority in dealing with injured student athletes. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Barry Moore of Enterprise about his philosophy of 'shrinking the size of government.'

3/13 Reports on primary election day in Alabama, including interviews with voters at the polls. Correspondent Marcus Hyles has an in-depth report on the jobs bills currently in the legislature and how opponents feel some of them could hurt education. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Steve Clouse of Ozark about his bill to help clarify the immigration law.

3/14 A report on the results from Tuesday's Alabama primary elections. Also: stories on the introduction of the charter schools bill in the House and debate on an amendment to one of the job creation bills. And Don Dailey interviews State Senator Marc Keahey of Grove Hill about the jobs bills, his legislation to clamp down on so-called 'fake pot,' as well as the budgets and education reform.

3/15 Karen Brown reports on a bill to create an Alabama Healthcare Exchange, part of the national healthcare reform. A report on a rally by the group "Alabama Arise" to call for tax reform. And Don Dailey interviews State Senator Arthur Orr of Decatur, chairman of Finance and Taxation - General Fund committee, about the budget crisis. Also: his bill to ban occupational taxes statewide.

3/16 Don Dailey interviews State Senator Bryan Taylor of Prattville about his bill to repeal the 2007 legislative pay raise and bring salaries down to median household income levels. State Senator Harri Anne Smith of Slocumb and her attorneys, Jim Parkman and William White, discuss her acquittal in the Statehouse corruption case and her return to work in the on-going session. And guest journalists David White with The Birmingham News and George Altman with The Mobile Press-Register discuss the week's legislative news, including the primary elections.

3/19 A report on the fallout from Governor Robert Bentley declaring 10.6-percent proration for this year's non-education budgets, and how state agencies are scrambling to make drastic adjustments. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth story on the visiting Fulbright Scholars and their mission to recruit more math and science majors in Alabama. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Mac Buttram of Cullman about his bill to give local police jurisdiction over interstates which run through their cities.

3/20 Reports on bills to remove what some call 'bureaucracy' from the state Department of Transportation, to ease restrictions on the manufacture of storm shelters and to clamp down on looting after declared emergencies. Reporter Marcus Hyles has an in-depth story on a bill to clamp down on funeral protests. And Don Dailey interviews State Representative Merika Coleman of Midfield about, among other things, her bill to raise the compulsory school age from 17 to 18.

3/21 Reports on final legislative passage of the "Heroes for Hire" bill, committee approval of a storm shelter bill and legislation that would make looting a felony, and committee approval of 3 incumbent Auburn University trustees. Also: an in-depth report on a special joint legislative session to honor Academy Award-winning Alabama native Octavia Spencer. And Don Dailey interviews State Senator Tom Whatley of Auburn about his bill to extend deer hunting season in Alabama.

3/22 Reports on Senate passage of a bill designed to decrease prison overcrowding through alternative sentencing, and committee approval of another bill to repeal the 2007 legislative pay raise. Karen Brown has an in-depth story on a bill that would allow Alabama to opt out of insurance plans that pay for elective abortions. Don Dailey interviews Alabama Republican Party Chairman Bill Armistead and Democratic Party Chairman Mark Kennedy about the balance of power in the legislature, and whether the GOP super-majority is treating Democrats fairly.

3/23 A report on the Senate passing a bill to provide incentives to the aeronautics industry. Don Dailey interviews State Representative Craig Ford of Gadsden, the House Minority Leader, about the big challenges that lie ahead in the second half of the legislative session. He also calls for more leadership from Governor Robert Bentley and the Republican majority in the legislature. Don Dailey also interviews State Senator Billy Beasley of Clayton about his bill to repeal Alabama's controversial immigration law. And guest journalists Dana Beyerle with The Gadsden Times and Tuscaloosa News and Shedd Johnson with WVAS radio analyze the week's legislative news.

3/26 A report on the resignation of Alabama Medicaid Commissioner Dr. Bob Mullins. Another report on House Speaker Mike Hubbard's prediction that legislation to clarify the state's immigration law will be introduced shortly after lawmakers return from spring break. Education reporter Erica Lembo has an in-depth story on the charter school debate, including passionate testimony from a recent public hearing. And Don Dailey interviews State Health Officer Dr. Don Williamson about proration, protecting public health and problems with the All Kids Insurance Program.

3/27 A report on Governor Robert Bentley appointing State Health Officer Dr. Don Williamson to lead a task force to oversee a transition in the state Medicaid agency. This after the resignation of Medicaid Commissioner Dr. Bob Mullins. Marcus Brown has an in-depth report on a bill to reform the state pension system. It includes coverage of a Senate hearing involving Senator Roger Bedford. And Don Dailey interviews state Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan about proration and maintaining essential services in the midst of budget challenges.

3/28 A report on 'robocalls' going out around the state concerning proposed charter schools. Also: a report on state Finance Director Dr. Marquita Davis asking agency heads for input on ways to lessen the impact of budget cuts. Another report focuses on State Representative Alvin Holmes filing a racial discrimination complaint against the city of Montgomery. And Don Dailey interviews Alabama Emergency Management Agency Director Art Faulkner about the spring tornado season, safety education and proration.